

LIFE TOGETHER This Week

Week of October 1, 2024 Vol 160 Real Faith For Real Life

Winter Wear Drive; October 1-27

Keep our neighbors safe and warm this year by donating winter wear! If you would like to order items online and have them shipped directly to FPLC, you are welcome to do so! See these graphics below for more details. Questions? Contact Stacia Hickey; <u>stacia@foxpointchurch.org</u> or 414-352-8990.





Men's & Women's Clubs Coat Sorting Lunch—Thurs, Nov. 7; 10:30 am – 1 pm All members of the Men's and Women's

Clubs are invited to sort donated coats and accessories, then pack them up for delivery to our partners. FPLC will be

providing lunch! Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the office; 414-352-8990.

Date: Thursday, November 7 Time: 10:30 am

Cost: Free! Thanks for helping!

Sign-up: Sign up with this link <u>COATS</u> or in Fellowship Hall

Contact: Stacia Hickey; <u>stacia@foxpointchurch.org</u> or 414-352-8990

Pet Blessing–October 6; 2 pm

Join your fellow pet owners for an hour of fun fellowship for families AND their pets. We'll meet outside at FPLC and begin with a "meet and greet", then your pet will receive an individualized blessing by our pastors. Bring a donation for



the Wisconsin Humane Society (dry dog or cat food, treats or new toys.) Everyone will be entered in a raffle



for pet-sized prizes. There will be water and treats available for humans & pets. Questions? Contact Diane Knapp; <u>diane@foxpointchurch.org</u>.

FPLC Office Hours Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am-4 pm See our webpage for all information regarding virtual worship, outreach, and children & youth programs. Click \rightarrow





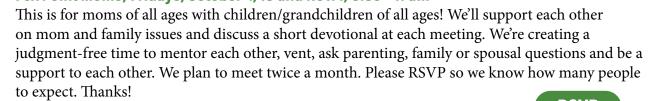
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Two FP Mom's Groups





If you have any questions, contact Diane Knapp; diane@foxpointchurch.org.





Fox Point Moms—New Evening Group; Tues, Oct 15, 29, Nov 12; 6:30 - 8 pm; Heritage Rm

This adult group offers a safe, open space to support moms of any age. We will begin with a podcast (Revived Motherhood) by Becky Thompson, who offers realistic and supportive faith-based advice for today's busy moms. This will be a time to mentor and support each other and discuss parenting and family issues. Please RSVP so we know how many people to expect. Thanks!

If you have any questions, contact Diane Knapp; <u>diane@foxpointchurch.org</u>.



Kids' Church!

Our new Sunday morning program for kids, **Kids' Church**, has started! If your children are participating in Kid's Church and haven't been registered yet, click the appropriate button below to fill out the registration form ASAP.



Our preschool friends–Little Foxes–will continue to meet in the lower-level Preschool Room.

Our younger elementary friends (K5–3rd grades)–our Faith Explorers–will meet in the Movie Room in the Sunday School hallway. We will use a variety of rooms in this area, based on our different activities each Sunday.

Our older elementary kids (4th–6th grades)–our Faith Builders–will now meet in the Café area, which gives them the space they need to build their faith and community in new and varied ways.

If you have questions, contact Julie Schlifske, Director of Children's Ministries; julie@foxpointchurch.org. Of course, you are welcome to come downstairs on any Sunday to meet our new teachers and see our programs in action.

Preschool Registration: Do you have a child who will be age 3 as of September 1 through 4 years old?

Elementary Registration: Do you have a child who is in K5 – 6th grade this fall?









Are You Active Military or A Military Veteran? Share Your Military Service

Every year for Veterans Day we publish a list of our members who are serving or have served in the US Military. We would like to honor and ir service

recognize their service.

If you have served in the military, please share your service information with us! Aren't sure if you've already shared it with us? That's ok, just fill out the Service form through the link below!

If you have any questions, please contact Stacia Hickey at stacia@foxpointchurch.org. Thank you!



Dinner needed: OCTOBER 10!

Serenity Inns Dinner Fellowship Serenity Inns is a residence for men in recovery from alcohol and/or

drug abuse in Milwaukee. We have a long volunteer relationship with SI.

What to expect when volunteering?

Volunteers make dinner and take it warm to the Inn by 5:45 pm (for a 6 pm start time). You join them for dinner and conversation. The number of residents is around 12-14. Two families can volunteer together! You'll be cooking for yourselves, the men and the innkeeper. You're usually on your way home by 7 pm.

> "Dinner Fellowship taught me things about myself I never knew. Serenity Inns changed my life. Serenity Inns saved my life."

Please prayerfully consider volunteering at Dinner Fellowship. Sign up on the website (see link below) or on the sign-up in Fellowship Hall. Questions? FPLC member Lorraine Buehler is happy to answer any of your questions; <u>lcbuehler@cs.com</u>

Have a buddy? Feel free to sign up with another person or family to prepare the meal and go to dinner together!

Click here to sign up!





Women's Book Club; October 21 7 - 8:30 pm

In October we'll be reading *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by

James McBride. We will be meeting in the lower level in the Meeting Space (next to the lower level Cafe). For a full list of the books we're reading, see our <u>website</u>. If you have any questions, email or call Joanne Ginster; <u>jmginster@yahoo.</u> <u>com</u> or (414) 491-8939.



Men's Club — The Evolution of Technology: FPLC's Renovation & Beyond

Jeff Shoemaker, FPLC's director of Music and Technology will be talking about the innovative tech throughout the building since our

remodel. Bring your questions!

Date: Thursday, October 17 Time: 11:30 am Fee: \$10, includes lunch Location: Fellowship Hall Sign up: Signup sheet is in Fellowship Hall Contact: the church office; 414-352-8990







Gratitude Sunday Sunday Morning Pie Social Sunday, November 24 This is the Sunday before Thanksgiving, a special

day of gratitude at FPLC. After each service we look forward to spending some time together enjoying pie.

Our pie social could use your sweet treats! Would you like to make, bake or buy a pie(s) to share? Simply click the pie to the right to indicate that you'd like to donate a pie, or help serve pie on the day of the event.





Quilters/Piecemakers — Join Us!

Join us as we make quilts for those in need. New members are always welcome and we'll teach you what to do. Bring your lunch and enjoy

a break with other quilters. Come and go as your schedule permits.

Date: Tuesday, October 15 Time: 9 am – 1:30 pm Location: Fellowship Hall Contact: Ellen Feider; 414-435-8440; efeiderwi@gmail.com

Women's Club; Men also Invited!

Tour St. Paul's Episcopal Church and lunch at The Knick

Plan to join us for a tour of St. Paul's Episcopal Church; built in 1838 of Lake Superior Redstone. It's also Milwaukee's finest example of the Richardsonian Romanesque style. This docent-led tour will feature the beautiful stained glass windows; some of them were made in New York by Tiffany. After the morning tour, we will enjoy a delicious lunch together at the Knick. We will need some people to volunteer to drive for a carpool, starting in the church parking lot.

Date: Wednesday, October 9

Location: Tour St. Paul's Episcopal Church, lunch at The Knick

Time: 9:25 am; meet in church parking lot

10 am; tour St. Paul's Church; 914 E. Knapp St. (small parking lot in the back, enter via main front doors)

11:45 am (approx); lunch at The Knick; 1030 E. Juneau Ave.

Cost: Pay your own lunch; no tour cost



Sign up: In Fellowship Hall or through the link to the right by Sun., Oct. 6 at noon **Contact:** Gail Sommerfeld at <u>sommerfeld56@gmail.com</u> or 262-395-0396.

Our Next Meeting is:

November 13 | **11:30 am** Jessica Michca as Eleanor Roosevelt @ FPLC











Coming this October 18 & 19! FPLC's Women's Gathering, formerly known as the Women's Retreat



Guest speaker, Pastor Lisa Bates-Froiland, from Redeemer Lutheran Church in downtown Milwaukee, will focus on how your faith can support your everyday life, and:

Build stronger connectionsEmbrace ourselvesNurture healthy relationshipsLive with a purpose

This will be a great chance to escape the busyness of life and connect with God and community. We'll learn how our faith can support us during our everyday lives. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet other FPLC women.

Friday Night Social Mixer

*Open to all FPLC women, regardless of whether they are attending the Women's Retreat on 10/19.

Date: October 18th (at The Bavarian Bierhaus)
Time: 6 pm
Cost: \$10; pay when registering
Location: The Bavarian Bierhaus, 700 W. Lexington
Blvd., Glendale, WI 53217
Sign up: Through the QR code above or HERE

SATURDAY PROGRAM AT FPLC

We'll be having morning and afternoon sessions for this day of learning and faith. You can sign up for either one or both. There will be a catered lunch.

Morning Topic: Being Still in a Busy World; Enjoying Quiet in a Noisy World

Afternoon Topic: Boundaries and Gates

Date: October 19th Times: 8 – 8:45: Continental breakfast 9:00: Morning session 11:45: Lunch 12:45: Afternoon program 3:00: Program concludes Location: FPLC

Sign up: Through the QR code above or <u>HERE</u>





Bayside Garden Cards

The leaves are changing, which means we're purchasing fall plants and bulbs and getting ready to winter over our gardens. *What supplies might you need for these projects*? Whatever you need, you can find it at Bayside Gardens. Purchase Bayside Garden gift cards at FPLC.

The sales of the cards *at church* help us send teens in Tanzania to high school—an FPLC commitment of \$10,000 a year. All you have to do is purchase Bayside gift cards at church (NOT at the garden center). We retain 15% of each card's cost, which helps us keep our promise to our partner dioceses in Tanzania.

Cards can be purchased at the Welcome Desk on Sundays or in the church office during the week.



Your generous donations make it possible for FPLC to provide food and personal care products to a continually-increasing number of visitors to the three pantries we serve in Milwaukee. We continue to donate nutritious, filling and culturally-appropriate food to our partners.

All Peoples Church sees over 90 guests at their pantry and MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary serves 200 + households and individuals weekly. It's easy for their supplies to dwindle each week, so it's important we help them restock on a regular basis.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacia Hickey; stacia@foxpointchurch.org. Please Note: We cannot accept expired or nearly expired food. Please check the dates!

Food Needs:

Baked Beans Canned black-eyed peas Ensure Infant Formula Dinty Moore Stew SpaghettiOs Canned fruit Canned beef and chicken Soup (not tomato) Baby formula Spam Sardines

Canned Yams Chicken Noodle Soup Tuna Salmon Vienna sausages Mac & cheese Canned vegetables 16 oz oatmeal Canned Pasta Pasta Sauce in cans or plastic Honey Nut Cheerios/Cereal Hamburger Helper

Personal Care Items: (Regular full-sized preferred, not bulk size)

Men's deodorant Women's deodorant Body wash Toothpaste Shampoo/Conditioner Feminine products Razors Diapers sized 4-6 Body lotion Toilet paper Lip balm Bar soap Vaseline Dish soap









High School Youth Group

At Youth Group, our vision is to create an atmosphere for high schoolers to grow, connect, worship and serve.

We welcome all! Whether you go to church every Sunday, or have never stepped foot inside FPLC, if

you're interested in exploring your faith, fellowship and having some fun—come join us!

If you need a ride, we encourage carpooling (responsibly). If anyone needs a ride, please let us know and we WILL figure something out so all can attend. We do need people to RSVP to these events; a link to do so will be sent out ahead of time. If you have any questions about Youth Group, please contact Hannah Knapp; hannah@foxpointchurch.org.

Sunday, Oct 13: Wild West

We will travel to Palomino Pines Horse company in Kewaskum, WI to meet FPLC member Michael Ruch and trail ride western-style through the Kettle Moraine State Park. (1pm-4:30pm)

RSVP is required for this event:





Meru Coffee at Home!

You can purchase Mt. Meru Coffee (beans, ground, regular, decaf, Seasonal Premium Mt. Meru coffee, k-cups) at church to brew at home. We also have "Specialty 6-Packs" with smaller packages of flavored coffee blends. All of these can be found in

Fellowship Hall and the Point Cafe.

Not only is the coffee delicious, but your purchase helps support the growers running small coffee farms in the Meru District of Tanzania.

Stop by the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings or in the office during the week to make your purchases.



Starting October 9!

Confirmation season is fast upon us! If you are a new 7th or 8th grade family to the program and missed the orientation meeting or haven't registered yet, please contact Lori Barrieau in the FPLC office; lori@foxpointchurch.org; 414-352-8990.

All the information you'll need can be found on our website here: <u>Confirmation</u>. You'll find our Confirmation Handbook, registration forms, permission slips, payment information and the calendar for the year. You'll also find information on Service Opportunities for Confirmation students and worship note forms.

Confirmation Fall Dates:

Here are all of our workshop dates through 2024.

October 9	November 20
October 23	December 4
November 6	December 18

If you have questions regarding confirmation, please contact Lori Barrieau in the FPLC office; <u>lori@foxpointchurch.org</u>; 414-352-8990.

Partner Volunteers Needed!

During the month of October, FPLC will be collecting winter coats for All Peoples Church and several other organizations. All Peoples



gets items from several other churches as well and they can use your help! Can you lend a hand sorting, bagging and labeling winter wear items they receive? Help is needed on Tuesdays, October 8, 15 and 22 between 10 am and 2 pm. This work does require carrying things and climbing stairs. Contact the All Peoples church office if you can help; 414-264-1616 or office@allpeoplesgathering.org.

Note: FPLC is collecting: new and gently used/clean winter coats for children through adults (L and XL always needed!). We are also collecting new: hats, mittens, scarves, winter socks and gloves. Heavy, warm winter work gloves for adults are always needed! Please drop off items beginning October 1 in the cart provided.





Are You a Thrivent Member?

If you are a Thrivent member and would be willing to write a Thrivent Action Team grant to financially support the Women's Conference, please contact Gail Sommerfeld at 262-395-0396 or sommerfeld56@gmail.com. Gail has written these many times before and can help you learn the process. The grants are a wonderful way to help underwrite the expenses associated with any number of projects at FPLC and in the community.

Thank you!



Fill The Purses for The Purposeful Purse!

Thanks for all the donations of beautiful purses and greeting cards! The Purposeful Purse project beneficiary will be Fresh Start Learning, Inc. It is a faith-based, non-profit organization founded by Nancy Yarbrough. It is an Outreach and Advocacy for female victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, and other struggles,

located in Milwaukee.

Our Purposeful Purse project will provide 50 women with purses filled with personal care items and notes of encouragement to offer hope for their futures. This program provides AODA treatment, legal and medical services, life and job skill training, employment opportunities, and support groups.

Participants at the FPLC Women's Gathering this fall will fill the donated purses with personal items. We thank the following businesses for their generous donations:

Winkies, Riverside Dental, Michael Kim and Melissa Lentz, DDS, and Landmark Credit Union. However, we still need more items, so we have set up a Registry with Amazon, which is open now through October 4th.

Here's how to find the Registry:

Go to Amazon.com, then Registry followed by Custom Gift List. Registrant name is Gail Sommerfeld,

Location – WI, Event from Aug. 24 – October 11 – Search. It is under FPLC – Purse. You may put the item(s) in your cart and pay for it and then have it sent directly to FPLC.

In January, Nancy Yarbrough will speak and tell us more about Fresh Start Learning, Inc. at the Women's Club meeting, held at FPLC. At that time she will collect all the filled purses.

If you have any questions, please contact Gail Sommerfeld; sommerfeld56@gmail.com or 262-395-0396.





Hurricane Relief

We have all seen the news and heard the stories of the terrible destruction caused by Hurricane Helene. The recovery will take years and people are struggling to just find water, food, clothing, shelter and places where they can communicate with family members. Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response is in the area and taking monetary donations to

aid in recovery. You can make a donation through this link.

Give Now

The Oct. 1 Milwaukee Journal Sentinel also ran a story providing links to other organizations who are working with these storm-hit areas.

Please make sure any organization you choose to donate to is legitimate and will make sure your donation gets to those in need.







Sheepshead Group at FPLC

Dates: Fridays, October 11 & 25

Declared the official card game of Milwaukee in 1983, Sheepshead is a staple to Wisconsin card players. Are you interested in joining a group of Sheepshead players to meet at church for some friendly competition? We play in Fellowship Hall, on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. We will have "learning aids" available to help with the basics, and experienced players to guide you.

We are looking forward to sharing the fun! For more information, contact Jim Schmidt at <u>schmidtyjim@aol.com</u>.



Hospital Visits

If you or a loved one is hospitalized and would like a visit or call from a pastor (or just for them

to know you are hospitalized), please call the church office; 414-352-8990. Due to HIPAA rules, hospitals are not allowed to share with us that you are a patient.



Grief Support at Fox Point Church

Have you experienced the loss of a loved one? Do you need encouragement and support as you navigate your grief? Are you interested in participating in a

facilitated 12-session grief support group with others who are also grieving? If so, or to learn more, please reach out to Pastor Bruce by phone or by email; 414-352-8990; pastorbruce@foxpointchurch.org.



Coffee Hosts Needed!

Hosts make the coffee and serve the donuts on Sundays. You are still able to attend the church service. Just slip in at the back as the service is starting and slip out as it's ending. Families are welcome to volunteer with their kids!

It's also a great Service Opportunity for our Confirmation students (with an adult).

9:00 am shift: (Approx 8:15 am – 10:15 am) Cut up the donuts, brew the coffee, and set things out.

10:30 am shift: (Approx 10:15 am – 11:45 am) Keep the coffee brewing, fill the donut trays as needed and clean up afterwards.

If you'd like to help with this important part of Sunday mornings, please sign up with the link below or contact Lori Barrieau in the church office if you have any questions; <u>lori@foxpointchurch.org</u> or 414-352-8990.





Learn the Basics of Baby Massage

Best for babies 2 weeks to under 12 months and their parent(s)/guardian(s). Infant massage can relieve fussiness, pain and discomfort for the baby as well as help babies fall asleep sooner and sleep more restfully. Bring your baby, wear comfy clothes and bring a blanket to class as we will be on the floor. Handouts will be provided.

Date: October 18; additional sessions are on the 3rd Friday of the month. You only need to attend one class, but can come to more if you would like. Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Limit: 6 families per session Registration: Call or email Angie Biersach, 414-207-2808 or angiebiersach@gmail.com to RSVP.



PRAYER LIST All in The Family

Join us on Sunday, for the virtual service. If you or your family need anything we can help you with, call the office at 414-352-8990 or email church@ foxpointchurch.org!

We encourage you to keep these people in your prayers during the week.

Woody Barksdale Kim Bell Jay Blair Brenda Charley Kathy C John Chamberlain Christine Claire Chrystal Colin Craig Danielle D Lyle Dabney Pr. Dan Laura Dossett Cammy Endres Paul Erickson Erin Frank

Rick Frank Andrea G. Jenny G. Joan Gildner Guv Anna H. Heidi Sue Hiller **James** Isenhart Iim Ioan John Ion Donna Jordahl Iulia Randy K. Helen Kappmeyer Kath Jim Kimmel Corrine Kraus

Leslie Linda Pr. Luke Jan M. Steve M. Marla MaryEllen Matt John McGregor Pat Meyer Michael Mike Michael Miller Nancy Curt Nash Robert Palmer Patrick Peter Tan Popatas Mary R.

Rebecca Rick Robert Dave Rotter Mark Selander Stephen Jane T. Terry Thad Tom Mike Umland Cory Zamora

You can follow Cory's cancer journey via CaringBridge: https://www.caringbridge. org/public/ coryzamora or by using this QR code:





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Congratulations Birth

William "Liam" Lloyd Schlifske was born September 19. Proud parents are Dan and Kara Schlifske. Liam joins siblings Teddy and Emma. Grandparents are Julie Schlifske and Paul Ginkel.

Baptisms

Zuri and Zara Mussak, daughters of Lisa and Erich Mussak, was baptized September 22.

Sophia Gloria Bartlett, daughter of Melissa and Matthew Bartlett was baptized September 28.

Wedding

Congratulations and best wishes to Tina Albinger and Matthew Bushey, who were married September 28.

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Written by FPLC member, Mary Buscher. This devotion was first shared on Wednesday, September 25. If you would like to receive Mary's devotion on a weekly basis, please sign up here: Weekly Devotion.

Hello!

"What am I doing in the meantime, Lord? Hoping, that's what I'm doing.... hoping You'll save me from a rebel life, save me from the contempt of idiots." – Psalm 39:7 The Message

Growing up with 1950's television westerns, I must have heard the phrase "Meanwhile, back at the ranch..." hundreds of times. Roy Rogers and Dale Evans probably included it in every episode! Those words, in particular "meanwhile," and "in the meantime" were used in our home too as in, "In the meantime, you could finish the dishes," or "Meanwhile, we're waiting for you." It reminded me of the dash published in death notices or on gravestones...from this year to that year...from here to there. Time...in the meantime. We are all blessed by Our Father to have a meantime. For some, it can be short, or shortened...some of us, like my Grandma Nettie, live to be ninety-nine. It got me thinking about how God might chart our course for "the meantime."

"Steep your life in God-reality. God-initiative. God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met. – Matthew 6:33 The Message

In the meantime, or meanwhile refers to the time span between two events, e.g., the span of our years from birth to passing on to eternal life. With God, it is more than just a span of years, it is the gift of life and all it encompasses—hope, love, quiet, grace and most of all, giving of gifts to us and our giving of those gifts to others. We could say, "Meanwhile, back home in our hearts," we watch, we wait, we serve, we seek, we love, we welcome, we give thanks. Wonderful ways to give meaning to our lives, "in the meantime."

"What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God's giving. People who don't know God and the way He works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how He works." Matthew 6:32 The Message

This morning, a beautiful prayer/thought for the day-

"No matter what the future may hold, pointing others towards God's grace and sharing the ministry of forgiveness, love and acceptance is our calling." – Sommer Ann Mccullough

Live with grace and love... in the meantime. - Mary